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REMARKS

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1.

A Soviet Air Force lieutenant deposited a trunk at a switch control room on 7 October 1950. On the following day the trunk was picked up by an air force sergeant. On 9 October the lieutenant appeared again and demanded his trunk. The incident was reported to the VP transportation unit for further investigation. The VP transportation unit had the lieutenant's [] station as Elsthal (U 53/Z 65)". []

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2. On 17 December, about 40 single-engine, ground-attack aircraft with in-line engines, antenna rod forward of cockpit, and a directional loop antenna on the fuselage just forward of the rudder assembly, were parked on the northern edge of the field. About ten planes of the same type were on the southern edge. [] All aircraft were covered with tarpaulins. The planes on the northern edge of the field had, as far as discernible, rudder assemblies with red leading edges. [] More aircraft were probably parked in the closed hangars.

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3. There was no flying on 17 December. Four railroad cars loaded with briquettes were standing on the spur track. Soldiers, wearing red-bordered black epaulets loaded the briquettes on trucks []

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4. A radio installation with four masts which were about 6 meters high was being erected near the landing field, just west of the railroad line. Between the masts was a box-like tent with a rod antenna about 2 meters long on top. [] Several soldiers were working on the radio installation which apparently was still under construction.

5. About 40 to 50 single-engine, ground attack aircraft were parked on the northern edge of the field on 26 December. All planes had rudder assemblies with red leading edges, and a directional loop antenna on the fuselage. Some planes had no vertical slit in the back of the canopy so that the weapon and the canopy apparently moved together. Five aircraft of the same type practiced flying. The sky was overcast, with a cloud-base of about 800 meters, and very good visibility.

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[redacted] About ten single-engine, ground attack aircraft were parked in the southern section of the field.

6. A rod antenna about 5 or 6 meters high was located at the take-off point. The base of the antenna was about the size of a stool. The radio installation with four masts, previously located west of the landing field, was removed and could not be seen in the vicinity of the field. (5)

25X1 7. Radio truck [redacted] entered the field, and trucks [redacted] were being loaded with briquettes by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets. 25X1

25X1 8. From a distance, [redacted] single-engine, ground attack aircraft were seen circling over Krennen (N 53/Z 57). Some of the planes flew very low, others just under the clouds. Smoke was often seen billowing up on the horizon when low-level circles were made. (6)

(1) [redacted] Comments. 25X1

(2) The number and type of aircraft indicate that the occupation of the field has not changed. Two ground attack regiments are believed to be stationed in Doeberitz.

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(4) [redacted]
(5) For location of radio installation, see Annex. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] increased co-operation between ground attack regiments and DF stations. This indicates that the aircraft are transmitted course and position data from DF stations. The removal of an Adcock DF mentioned in paragraph 6 is reported for the first time.

(6) A firing and bombing range is located near Krennen. It is used mainly by ground attack and bomber units.

1 Annex: 1 - sketch on ditto.

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